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NOTES FROM DTR STAFF MEETING 27 APRIL 1962

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I attended first meeting with DCI. Not going to have same monthly staff meetings Dulles had. Meets once a week - Tuesday morning. Composition varies from immediate deputies to anybody else that it is felt Mr. McCone should. I was there on account of Language Awards paper. [] talked on insurance. Meeting chaired by DDCI. McCone spoke on three things of interest to us:

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(1) Worried over the rumors and statements made in the Washington area, probably at State Department and Georgetown cocktail parties, that JCS and CIA were teamed up against State on Laotian policy. Cautioned anybody in our outfit to be most careful about any statement that would lend credence to that rumor which is false.

(2) Situation in South Vietnam has deteriorated in last 10 days.

(3) I want all of you to know that the President and General Taylor and I are vitally concerned over the subject of Counter Insurgency and that I have assured the President that the Agency will assist President's effort in bringing this to the attention of those concerned by assisting in student's attendance in course and making instructors available to the course. Asked who would keep him informed as to our student and instructor participation in Counter-Insurgency course. At the suggestion of Kirkpatrick the responsibility was placed on me (DTR). I will have to rely on []

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Carter at DD/S Meeting spoke about position of DCI. Called attention to his broader charter under the President than Mr. Dulles had had. Coordination of all intelligence matters at the highest policy level. Also pointed out that McCone would devote the major part of his time and efforts to affairs external to the management of the Agency. Has planned on far more extensive travel than his predecessor. There would be a greater time when the Director would be away from Washington than Dulles. Carter will assume functions. Carter, speaking for McCone, gave the impression to me that the new DCI would apply a broader interpretation of the need-to-know policy than had been in effect prior to McCone's appointment. More people need to know. Didn't say who or how but that was the impression I got. DCI wants publicity reduced to a minimum. Letters for reply: My

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recollection of letters is that people are seeking for information about what courses we give, how many languages we teach, area programs. I told White I would dig up examples of those. New policy on letters: Acknowledge receipt but not reply. If you can remember any of those letters let Betsy know if you have copies in your files.

Per White, DDCI is "moving in." First thing is Memorandum of 21 October 1960 "Security of Employees." What supervisory level would it stop at? Everybody? Supervisors must accept total responsibility for their employees 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. (NSA defectors)

Carter felt DCI and he would have a more decentralized operation than had been true in the past but said though we believe in decentralization of command responsibility the DCI and DDCI are to be informed, preferably prior to action taken.

In answer to a planted question as to whether or not he is an "organization man" he didn't answer the way White expected. Previously said he was informal. There is no doubt that White expects us to follow the chain of command and anything up goes through him. He will send down.

Executive Director - It is still a somewhat confused organizational setup which will be clarified through experience. DDCI in explaining Kirk's mission said this is sort of an expansion of the former Executive Officer responsibility. DDCI emphasized this is not a third position in the chain of command. He does not stand between the four Deputy Directors and the DDCI and DCI. DDCI said "Kirk will send to me and the Director that which the Director and I should know and pass down to the troops the policies of this office which will make troops better understand what we are trying to accomplish." Carter urges use of Kirk's office. Avoided use of term "Chief of Staff." Carter said more like the Executive Secretariat of the State Department, Flag Officer in the Navy. It seems obvious if Carter is Acting DCI Kirk will be Acting DDCI.

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☐ on CIA insurance was worthwhile. Will schedule him for first staff meeting we can get him. Insurance is available for dependent mother's and fathers.

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Executive Committee will take over functions of PRC. Executive Committee meets every Monday. Described by DDCI as planning and policy group. Get together and let hair down. Make decisions themselves or recommend to the DCI.

25X1 White, as member of the Executive Committee, said (and he was careful to say "I think") "I think Carter has now thoroughly reviewed the [] procedures on surplus personnel and comes to the conclusion that the procedures were as humane as could be, selection was as fair as could be under circumstances, that while exceptions would be made to seek reassignment, that no exceptions after this attempt would be made. For better or for worse the DDCI had been convinced that the [] procedures would be held.

25X1 Security Office has a paper that will attempt to protect the security of the DDP in the new building. This is not a system of cards and closed gates but more an honor system or a system of self-discipline. Reason is that the Clandestine Services when planning for space did not protect themselves from the DDI as well as the DDI had protected themselves from the DDP. DDP area will be posted as a classified, restricted area and employees in the new building will be on the Honor System. Has wholehearted support of [] and McCone is leery.

D/Sec has over 700 requests for non-Agency people for passes that require no escort.

Per White: Amory is using his old acquaintances and friendship to gather information in his new capacity as Bureau of Budget dealing with our affairs. Four have Agency passes: Amory, Smith, Ecker and Lewis. Should not be given any information unless there is present in the meeting a member of the Comptroller's office.

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[] is back from [] Can be reached through []

DD/S plea on more prompt handling of correspondence added more prompt handling of tasks. Call him back and say it has been done.

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Security clearance load is worse than at any time since 1950. JOT's are still at top of the pile.

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[] comments on Naval War College - I have had too much experience with what [] does to be very complimentary about NWC in techniques or presentation. Make more use of [] than you have.

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Papers [] to me (DTR) first.

Jack Earman new IG. This IG will be IG in military sense.

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